

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Case Management is not a profession in itself, but an area of practice within one's profession; and,

Whereas, Case Managers are primarily nurses, social workers and other allied health professionals, such as rehabilitation counselors and therapists; and,

Whereas, The history of case management goes back to the early 1900s when public health nurses and social workers coordinated services throughout the public health sector. By World War II, insurance companies began employing nurses and social workers to assist with the coordination of care for our soldiers returning from the war; and,

Whereas, By the late 1900s, the number of case managers in the United States rose to more than 100,000. Their focus includes cost containment and quality management issues, and thousands of citizens of the state of South Dakota have benefited; and,

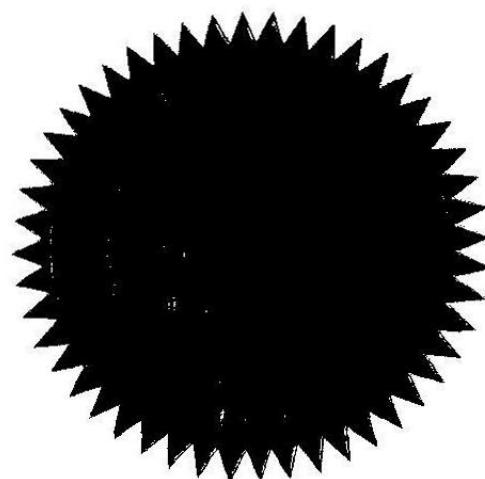
Whereas, The Case Management Society of America is an international organization of case managers and health care professionals committed to promoting the growth and value of case management and to supporting the evolving needs of the case management professional; and,

Whereas, Case managers enrich and improve the health of the residents of our great state by promoting the best use of health care resources along the continuum of care from acute care hospitals to long term care, hospice or home:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10-16, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and validate the role of case managers in the health care system.

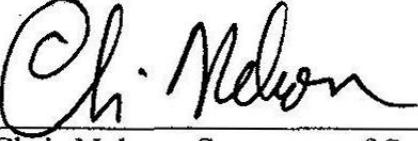


In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State